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HE R E A S Complaint hath been made unto Us, That divers persons do rudely press, and with evil Language and Blows force their Way into our Royal Theatre, and into the Theatre belonging to Our Dear Brother the Duke of York, at the times of their publick Representations and Actings, without paying the Prices Established at both Theatres, to the great disturbance of Our Servants Licenced by Our Authority, and to the danger of the Publick Peace: Our Will and Pleasure therefore is, and

We do hereby straightly Charge and Command, That no person of what Quality soever, do presume rudely or by force to come into either of the said Theatres before and during the time of Acting, and until the Plays are quite finished, without paying the Prices Established for the respective places: And Our further Pleasure is, That the Money which shall be so paid by any persons for their respective Places, shall not be returned again to any persons whatsoever after it is once given: Notwithstanding that such persons shall go out at any time before or during the time of the Play: But if such as have paid their money shall have occasion to go out, they shall have a Ticket delivered to them by the Door-keeper, and upon shewing of the same Ticket, they may return again to their former Places without paying any more. We do also Require and Command, That no person presume to make any Disturbance by demanding or calling for their money again, as hath been heretofore done, as they will answer the contrary at their perils: Notwithstanding any pretended Priviledge, by an ill custom of forcing their Entrance at the Fifth Act, or at any other time of the Play without payment, and all Our Officers Civil and Military are required to be aiding and assisting herein: And if any person shall presume to disobey Our foresaid Orders, We do hereby Command Our Officers and Guards (appointed to keep the Peace of the said Theatres) That they immediately take the Offenders into Custody, and bring them before the Lord Chamberlain of Our Household to answer their Misdemeanor: And whatsoever Officer or Soldier so commanded to be Aiding and Assisting to the keeping of the Peace in Our said Theatres, shall refuse to do his or their Duty in taking such person or persons so Offending into their Custody, being desired by the Master or Governour of the said Companies so to do, shall for every such their Default, lose their Allowance given them for their Attendance for that day at the said Theatres, and be further liable to such other Punishments as We shall think fit to inflict upon them.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, this Twenty third day of *July*, One thousand six hundred and seventy, in the Twenty second Year of Our Reign.

In the S A V O R,

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